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SUBJECT: FRENCH-FRG CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE

1. PIERRET, HEAD OF QUAI CSCE WORKING GROUP, HAS GIVEN EMBOFF FOLLOWING ACCOUNT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE OF CSCE PORTION OF CONSULTATIONS FEBRUARY 21 BETWEEN FRG FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL AND QUAI POLITICAL DIRECTOR DE LABOULAYE.

2. PEACEFUL CHANGE OF FRONTIERS: FRENCH INFORMED VAN WELL THAT THEY FULLY ACCEPTED FORMULA OMITTING PHRASE "ONLY" WHICH SECRETARY HAD DISCUSSED WITH GROMYKO IN GENEVA, AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH FONMINS SAUVAGNARGUES AND GENSCHER.

ACCORDING PIERRET, VAN WELL COUNTERED BY EXPLAINING THAT FRG STILL FOUND SECRETARY'S FORMULA SOMEWHAT INSUFFICIENT AND PROPOSED INSERTION OF AN ADDITIONAL COMMA, REPEAT COMMA, BRACKETING AND SO ADDING EMPHASIS TO PHRASE "IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW."

TO RECAPITULATE FOR SAKE OF CLARITY, FOLLOWING IS FRENCH TRANSLATION OF PROPOSED FRG REVISION OF SECRE-
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TARY'S TEXT WITH COMMA DESIRED BY VAN WELL INSERTED

BETWEEN WORDS "MODIFIEES" AND "CONFORMEMENT": BEGIN
TEXT: "LES ETATS PARTICIPANTS CONSIDERENT QUE LEURS
FRONTIERES PEUVENT ETRE MODIFIEES, CONFORMEMENT AU DROIT
INTERNATIONAL, PAR DES MOYENS PACIFIQUES ET PAR VOIE
D'ACCORD." END TEXT.

FRENCH TOLD VAN WELL THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT
SECRETARY'S FORMULA "WITH ONE, TWO OR NO COMMAS" SINCE
THEY CONSIDERED IT A GREAT STEP FORWARD THAT A SOLUTION
OF THIS PROBLEM SEEMED IN SIGHT. VAN WELL AGREED BUT
WANTED TO CONSULT FURTHER IN BONN.

3. EQUAL VALUE AND INTERPRETATION OF PRINCIPLES:
FRENCH ALSO DISCUSSED WITH VAN WELL QUESTION OF VALUE
AND INTERPRETATION OF PRINCIPLES. IN LIGHT OF WEIGHT
SECRETARY HAD ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE, PIERRET SAID
FRENCH SUGGESTED FOLLOWING VARIATION OF THEIR EARLIER
APPROACH (SEE US NATO 478 FOR COMPARISON) TO MEET, TO AN
EXTENT, SOVIET RESISTANCE TO A FLAT ASSERTION OF "EQUAL"
VALUE. FRENCH MODIFIED APPROACH WOULD STATE

(A) THAT PRINCIPLES REPRESENT IMPORTANT VALUES;

(B) THAT THEY ARE APPLICABLE EQUALLY AND REPEAT
AND WITHOUT RESERVE; AND

(C) THAT EACH PRINCIPLE IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD IN

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LIGHT OF THE OTHERS.

FRENCH THEMSELVES ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THIS MODIFICATION WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO USSR. VAN WELL WAS NONCOMMITTAL BUT AGAIN PROMISED TO CONSULT IN BONN. FRENCH EXPECT QUESTION WILL EVENTUALLY BE RECONSIDERED IN EC-NINE.

4. FOLLOW-ON: FRENCH AND GERMANS DID FULLY SUPPORT

AND AGREE ON "IMPORTANCE" OF SECRETARY'S RE-STATEMENT IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH GROMYKO, OF U.S. POSITION ON FOLLOW-ON OPPOSING ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY PERMANENT CSCE INSTITUTION.

5. CBM: FRENCH AND GERMANS ALSO COMPARED NOTES ON RECENT SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT OF MANEUVERS, BUT FOUND THAT NEITHER SIDE WAS SURE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE FOR CSCE. EMBOFF WAS NOT INFORMED OF ANY OTHER EXCHANGES IN THIS FIELD.

6. QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS: FINALLY, FRENCH SAID THEY FOUND VAN WELL VIRTUALLY "MUTE" ON QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS, AND THEREFORE REMAIN SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN OF BONN'S CURRENT THINKING IN THIS RESPECT.

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7. PIERRET DID NOT SAY TO WHAT EXTENT OVERALL CSCE STRATEGY WAS DISCUSSED IN FRG-FRENCH CONVERSATION. HOWEVER, HE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT FRENCH GREATLY APPRECIATED SECRETARY'S CSCE EFFORTS WITH GROMYKO AND HIS SUBSEQUENT EXPOSITION OF THESE ISSUES HERE IN PARIS.
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